



City of Cambridge

31.

IN CITY COUNCIL

Councillor Myers

April 23, 1990

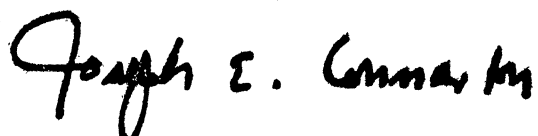
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- RESOLVED: That the City Council communicate its concern in this matter to the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joseph E. Connarton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "J".

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

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